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To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of oral health to the community.

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## Numerous Legislative Changes Enacted

BY CHUCK McCABE, DMD

Over the past several months there have been a number of legislative and rule changes which have affected the dental practice act. Two of the most notable changes include general supervision of hygienists and enteral conscious sedation. A summary of the legislation follows. For the full text see the LSBD website ([www.lsbd.org](http://www.lsbd.org)).

### GENERAL SUPERVISION

The LDA and the Louisiana Hygiene Association collaborated to formulate legislation allowing the general supervision of hygienists within the following guidelines:

Hygienists may perform all dental hygiene services with the exception of local anesthesia and rootplaning.

Hygienists must have at least three years of dental hygiene experience.

The patient must be a current patient of record who has been examined by the supervising dentist not more than nine months prior to the date of the Hygiene appointment.

The hygienist may practice under general supervision for not more than five consecutive business days at any one time.

The hygienist must follow a written treatment protocol prescribed by the supervising dentist.

The patient must be notified in advance that the doctor will not be present.

The hygienist may not delegate or supervise any dental hygiene duties to an expanded duty dental assistant (EDDA).

The supervising dentist is responsible for all actions of the hygienist. A dentist may not supervise more than two hygienists under general supervision at any one time.

A dentist may not supervise a hygienist under general supervision for more than five consecutive business days or for more than 20 days in any calendar year.

No patient may be seen twice consecutively under general supervision.

An exam fee must not be charged under general supervision.

### ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION

Anyone wishing to utilize enteral (oral) conscious sedation must satisfy the appropriate requirements and obtain a permit from the LSBD. An "unrestricted" permit applies to children as well as adults while a "restricted" permit applies only to adults. The following conditions must be met:

To be granted an unrestricted permit verification must be submitted of formal postdoctoral training in the use of enteral conscious sedation on both pediatric and adult patients or satisfactory completion of a board approved course which includes a minimum of 16 hours of didactic training and a component on handling emergencies incident to the administration of conscious sedation.

To be granted a restricted permit verification must be submitted of formal postdoctoral training in the use of enteral conscious sedation on adult patients or satisfactory completion of a board approved course which includes a minimum of eight hours of didactic training and a component on handling emergencies incident to the administration of conscious sedation.

For those licensees who have received permits to administer pediatric enteral conscious sedation prior to the effective date of this rule (July 20, 2006), said licensee shall satisfactorily complete a board approved course in the administration of pediatric enteral conscious sedation before the permit is renewed concurrently with the license renewal. However, a grace period of 180 days after the renewal of one's license shall be granted if good cause can be shown that a course was not available.\*

A working pulse oximeter must be utilized on all patients.

A proper record-keeping mechanism must be in place in addition to a controlled substance log.

An accurate scale must be utilized on pediatric patients (anyone under the age of 13).

Drugs for enteral conscious sedation must be administered in a dental office and the patient must be observed by a qualified office staff member with training and credentials to perform the specific tasks concomitant with the procedure. Continuous monitoring with pulse oximetry must be initiated with early signs of conscious sedation and continued until the patient is alert. A precordial, pretracheal stethoscope must be available to assist in the monitoring of heart and respiratory rates. A sphygmomanometer shall be immediately available and utilized as needed throughout the procedure.

Drugs for anxiolysis may be administered off premises prior to the dental procedure.

A current CPR certification is required (Course "C", basic life support for the health care provider as defined by the American Heart Association or its equivalent).

During the administration of conscious sedation with enteral drugs one auxiliary who is currently certified in basic life-support must be available to assist the dentist in an emergency.

In order to renew permits for the administration of enteral sedation (as well as deep sedation and parental sedation), each licensee shall complete a Board approved course pertinent to the level of their sedation permit no less than once every five years.

**Chuck McCabe, DMD**

\*Contact the LSU School of Dentistry for information on dates of courses. The three-day DOCS course satisfies the requirements for a **restricted** permit (adults only).

## NODA GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 20 • 7:00 PM**

East Jefferson General Hospital • Esplanade Room I

**Kristi M. Soileau, Speaker**

**Topic: Oral Post-Surgical Complications following the Administration of Bisphosphonates given for Osteopenia related to malignancy: A case report.**

## President's Message

by WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT, DDS

### BUSY SUMMER

Greetings:

I hope that everyone has had a somewhat enjoyable summer and got to take a much-needed vacation from our battles of this past year. The rebuilding of New Orleans and the surrounding areas is going to take years to complete. All of our practices have been affected one way or another. If it wasn't Katrina directly, many of our patients have relocated or our office buildings have never re-opened or we were victims of vandalism.

Your NODA Board has continued working for you this past summer. A lawsuit has been filed to recover damages from the cancellation of the 2005 Conference. The insurer has initially made an initial offer of about 33% of what we believe is owed under the policy. As we all have experienced, the insurer is only in business to make money and collecting money due on claims is like "pulling teeth."

There are other issues pertaining to the operations of the office and the former Conference that are demanding our attention and action. I am hopeful that these issues will be resolved in the near future.

We are busy organizing continuing educa-

tion programs for the General Membership in the fall. The speakers and dates will be published as soon as they are finalized. Please access the NODA.org site regularly for the most up-to-date information.

It is time for nominations of officers for the year 2007. Dr. Mark Chaney, our President elect will head the nomination committee.

*Bill Schmidt, D.D.S.*

*President, NODA*

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Charles Coleman  
Clifford Davis  
Leigh Smith Flattmann  
Gordon E. Fletcher  
Lawrence N. Frost, III

*Graduated from LSU School of Dentistry, married to Samantha, son Charles. Hobbies: Sailing, hunting, fishing, camp in Myrtle Grove. Two months before Katrina moved to 525 Metairie Rd. which was the best decision for his practice.*

Michael W. Gallagher  
Rupa Jolly

*Graduated from LSU School of Dentistry in 2003. Currently has practice in downtown New Orleans. Enjoys reading, dancing, and traveling. She and her husband, TJ, are expecting a baby girl in January.*

Rahaf Kanawati  
Thai K. La  
Michelle M. LeBlanc  
P. Limkangwalmongkol  
James Lorbeck  
Lawrence T. Norton  
Brian J. Olivier  
Robert David Ory, Jr.  
Pierre R. Pierce  
Jeffrey K. Roby

Rachelle Marie Smith  
Thomas A. Taylor

*Graduated from LSU School of dentistry in 1993 and attended the Advanced Practice Program's "start up year" with the Academy of General Dentistry. 1994-1999 worked in private practice as an associate in Baton*

*Rouge, then moved to Marrero. 1999 to present - Private practice at 5132 Lapalco Blvd., Marrero. Resides in Westwego with wife, Danyelle Taylor. Danyelle is currently running for Jefferson Parish Judge (24th JDC, Div. B) at the end of September.*

Sotirios Vastardis

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DATE	2006	COURSE / TITLE	CR. HRS.	TUITION
September 8		<i>Clear Aligners &amp; Minor Tooth Movement</i>	07 hrs.	DDS or \$ 295.00
		w/Dr. Tom Spranley		1st Registrant
				Auxiliary \$ 145.00
September 14-16		<i>Comprehensive Continuum on Cosmetic</i>	71 hrs.	DDS* \$ 6,595.00
October 26-28		<i>&amp; Restorative Dentistry – Level 1</i>		Auxiliary* \$ 995.00
Nov. 30-Dec. 2		w/Drs. Eubank, Mopper, et alia		*Covers all three Sessions
September 23-24		<i>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant</i>	24 hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
		w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA & Henrietta Frederick, EDDA		
		At LSU South Campus in Baton Rouge, LA		
September 23		<i>Digital &amp; Conventional Radiology for</i>		Auxiliary \$ 129.00
		<i>Dental Auxiliaries</i>		
		w/Dr. Kavas Thunthy & Dr. J. Sean Hubar		
		At the LSU South Campus, Baton Rouge		
October 6-7		<i>Cosmetic Dentistry for the Pediatric Patient</i>	14 hrs.	DDS \$ 545.00
		w/Drs. Ron Lemon & Dennis Hartlich	Fri. only	DDS \$ 295.00
		At the JW Marriott Hotel, New Orleans		Auxiliary \$ 145.00
October 6-7		<i>Digital Imaging &amp; Digital Case Presentation</i>	14 hrs.	DDS or \$ 1,395.00
		w/Dr. John Barksdale & Dr. Jerry Smith		1st Registrant
		At LSU Main Campus, Baton Rouge, LA		Auxiliary \$ 295.00
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